



Information on U. S. EPA's Risk Management Program

Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: Public Meetings and Other Notifications

On August 5, 1999, President Clinton signed the Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act (PL 106-40). The new law:

- 1) Exempts from coverage by the Risk Management Program flammable substances when used as a fuel or held for sale as a fuel by a retail facility,
- 2) Limits access to Off-site Consequence Analysis (OCA) data that is reported in the Risk Management Plans by covered facilities, and
- 3) Requires covered facilities to hold a public meeting.

Public Meetings and other Notifications:

Facilities required to submit a Risk Management Plan for a Program 2 or Program 3 process are required to hold a public meeting to share information about their Risk Management Plan, including a summary of worst-case off-site consequences should an accidental chemical release occur. See the attached U. S. EPA fact sheet for information on credit for meetings held between August 5, 1998 and August 5, 1999. Small businesses can meet this requirement by simply publicly posting the OCA summary. The compliance date for holding the public meeting or posting the OCA summary is February 1, 2000.

Where to go for more information:

- **3** A fact sheet from U. S. EPA, "Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and Fuels Regulatory Relief Act: Public Meetings and Other Notifications" is attached. The last page of this fact sheet has information on locating the full text of law and Frequently Asked Questions and Answers.
- **3** U. S. EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office homepage at http://www.epa.gov/ceppo.
- **3** IDEM contact: Susan Bem/Office of Air Management at 800-451-6027, ext. 3-5697 (in Indiana) or 317-233-5697.

RMP*Info:

RMP*Info is an electronic data system containing the Risk Management Plans (RMPs) submitted by facilities. It is available through U. S. EPA's website at: http://www.epa.gov/enviro. Click on "Queries, Maps, and Reports", then select Risk Management Plans. The system can be queried by source name, location, NAICS (North American Industrial Classification System) code, chemical, program level, air operating permit, # of full-time equivalent employees, complete/incomplete plans, or date range. For Local Emergency Planning Committees, the database can be queried by county to select all RMPs for the selected county.